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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 19, 2019

TO: Dean W. Brent Lindquist
Arts & Sciences Department Chairs, Faculty and Staff

FROM: Lawrence Schovanec, President
Michael Galyean, Senior Vice President and Provost
Joseph Heppert, Vice President for Research & Innovation
Noel Sloan, Vice President for Administration & Finance, CFO

RE: Chancellor Emeritus Kent Hance Leadership Class

We are very excited to be near completion of the Experimental Sciences Building II. This facility will enable Texas Tech University to continue our growth in innovative and impactful research. We will conclude fiscal year 2019 with record expenditures in both total research and federal research along with continued increases in grant proposals. Yet, we realize there are still other aging facilities on campus that need to be addressed, including some with infrastructure that has reached capacity. An Academic Sciences Building is a top priority to provide for the growth in both faculty and student needs.

The Academic Sciences Building will be a key addition to our core campus, and we want to ensure we are properly planning for both the new facility and the most cost-effective means to update vacated spaces in existing buildings. We are in the early stages of planning and are implementing a new approach to gather data at the department level. Noel Sloan, Joseph Heppert, Sean Childers (Assistant VP for Operations), and Brandon Hennington (Managing Director, Planning & Administration) are currently conducting initial discovery meetings with Arts & Sciences department chairs.

Discussions with department chairs include both current faculty and student needs and 5-year projections, including teaching space, research space, office space, and functional alignment with other departments. We will document the priorities and needs in a “program of requirements” template that will be sent back to the department chair for review and comment. The primary objective of this process is to ensure that all immediate and future departmental space needs are addressed either through new construction or backfill planning.

Once all discovery meetings have been held and feedback has been received, a summary prioritizing programming needs will be sent to President Schovanec and Provost Galyean for their review and approval. Based on the agreed priorities, the President and Provost will be able to nominate a planning and design team to work with Facilities Planning & Construction with a more defined scope of programming considerations.

We appreciate all your efforts in both academic instruction and research. We look forward to continued discussions to bring the next major building addition to our campus.